

Red River Prospector.

RED RIVER, - - NEW MEXICO.

The annual exportation of flowers from the Riviera now amounts to \$3,000,000 in value.

Significant, is it not, that a policeman or a reporter, who wants to find anarchists always looks for them in a saloon? The demon alcohol and the seed of anarchy are natural boon companions.

A Boston capitalist, who has recently completed a tour of the Siberian gold fields, says that the country is a second California. The mines in the Nerchinsky district, he says, are, perhaps, the richest in the world, but are worked in the most primitive way.

A building in a Georgia settlement displays this unique sign: "School of learning. Lessons given in poetry writing and novelty. Also, will teach music to you, and dramatics. Hides and wool taken for cash. Also, as the winter season is coming on, oak wood and kindling."

Ground fleas and mosquitoes are blamed for the epidemic of malaria which has broken out on Second avenue, New York, along the line of excavation by the Manhattan elevated railway company. "Unless action is taken," said Dr. Stewart, "the epidemic will become the worst seen in this city in many a day."

This season's sea-serpent story takes the form of a sea of snakes. A ship just arrived in Philadelphia reports a belt of snakes fifteen miles wide in the Indian ocean. The snakes, averaging three feet in length, were of an unknown species and are supposed to have been brought to the surface by a volcanic disturbance.

This country is not the only one where unconsidered trifles are snapped up by manufacturers and put to practical use. In China the down of the thistle is gathered and mixed with raw silk so ingeniously that even experts are deceived when the fabric is woven. It is also used to stuff cushions as a substitute for eiderdown, and a very good substitute it makes.

The Rawhide and App gold mines in Tuolumne county, Cal., have been sold by John Ballard and M. H. Martin to Captain William A. Neville for \$1,500,000. The mines have been in litigation for ten years, each partner striving to gain control. When Neville was manager of the Rawhide mine it paid \$2,000,000 in dividends, but since then it has paid nothing. Under Neville both mines will be made good producers.

Three hundred young women of Chicago who are all to become public school teachers, were recently pronounced physically perfect, including nerves and eyesight. Never before has so large a proportion of the number to be examined passed the required tests. At the New York Normal school inquiries recently elicited the fact that nineteen-twentieths of the girl pupils were taller than their mothers. The heroines of the English novels of a century ago were as weak physically as they were mentally. The modern girl is wholesome and strong in body and in mind.

Talk of "sympathetic strikes" reminds Grand Chief Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, of one that he conducted when only a boy working on a farm. "The force of hands had dwindled to two, a fellow named Joe and me. The farmer decided to discharge the other fellow, whereupon Joe suggested that I should stop work also, leaving the farmer in a fix. This I did. I went out on a sympathetic strike; but the result was that the farmer hired Joe back again, and I was left out in the cold." It would not be safe to generalize too broadly on his unhappy experience. If it carries any moral with it, we need not point it out.

A young lady of small stature recently fainted at a dinner given in her honor. It was then found that she had not been able to touch either her feet to the floor or her back to the chair; and the restricted circulation and prolonged discomfort had finally overcome her. An antiquarian traces the present mania for high seats to the fact that at the old French court sets of handsome furniture were ranged along the walls for effect, but never occupied. The chairs and sofas actually used were much lower. Furniture-makers of today copy the more showy spring cushions. The dictum of a famous cabinet maker is that in choosing chairs the knee of a person standing should come clear above the seat. He intends to occupy. More even than homes, churches and assembly rooms the great railway-stations, in spite of their sumptuousness, offend against the comfort of nine-tenths of their occupants.

E. J. Mandura, representative of the Hawaiian sugar planters, who has arrived at New Orleans to take charge of the shipment of Porto Ricans to Honolulu to work on the sugar plantations, says that they have proved such satisfactory laborers that the order has been increased to 25,000 Porto Ricans. There are already 7,000 of them in Hawaii. If the total number of emigrants desired cannot be obtained from Porto Rico, the planters have decided to try Filipinos instead, and will begin importing them in large numbers.

As the World Revolves

THE PERILS OF BALLOONING.

The perilous journey of seven men and one woman in Professor Baldwin's air ship, near San Francisco the other day merely emphasizes what has already been demonstrated by M. Santos-Dumont in his experiment at Paris, and by other aeronauts, that man will never be able to successfully steer through the air in a balloon.

In that incomparable calm that rests upon the French capital in the autumn days Santos-Dumont was able to steer his dirigible balloon in a fixed circle upon several occasions, but it was noted that when he encountered atmospheric disturbances he lost control of his air ship to such an extent as to place his life in great peril and upon one or two occasions was rescued with much difficulty.

In the thrilling ride at San Francisco, in which the occupants of the balloon were swept over a distance of a hundred miles in less than two hours, a mile above the earth, the machine was completely at the mercy of the breezes. At one time they were swept out over the ocean, dipping at times so close to the surface of the water that all occupants expected to be drowned, and then rising to great altitudes, finally being carried back over the land by a breeze from the sea, dragged through the tops of a forest and dropped on a hillside near Pescadero.

The most powerful motor and steering mechanism that can be devised cannot resist the elements when attached to a balloon. It is not possible to propel a great bag of air against the upper currents or to control its course when opposed by the slightest breeze. The problem of navigating the air must be solved without balloons. How? With wings—if ever.

NURSE HELD FOR CRIME.

In the big, red jail at Barnstable, Mass., Jane Tappan sits all day in her cell, as calm and placid as any



JANE TAPPAN.

parently unmoved as if she were spending pleasure holidays at the quaint old town by the sea instead of being a prisoner accused of a crime so deep and black it has few parallels in history. The only thing that breaks the monotony is visits from her lawyer.

Cataumet, which was the scene of the crime of which Miss Tappan is accused, is one of the most picturesque little summer villages on the coast of Buzzard's Bay.

Talking of her the other day, one of her neighbors said:

Under a charge of murdering Mrs. Mary Gibbs by poisoning she was arrested at Amherst, N. H., and after appearing in the police court at Nashua, N. H., where she protested her innocence, she decided to return to Massachusetts without requisition papers.

Miss Tappan nursed four members of the Davis family at Cataumet, Mass., last summer, and all four died. Her arrest followed a report made by Prof. Wood, an analytical chemist, who examined the stomachs of two of the supposed victims, that he found traces of poison. The persons nursed by Miss Tappan whose illness proved fatal were Mr. and Mrs. Alden P. Davis, of Cataumet, and their daughters, Mrs. Henry Gordon, of Chicago and Mrs. Gibbs of Cataumet. The formal charge against Miss Tappan is based on the last named case.

A WASHINGTON BELLE.

Miss Marcia MacLennan, well known in Washington society, has just returned to the capital from Honolulu, where she made a long visit to her brother, who is a banker there. Her mother is a member of the Jerome family and a cousin of Mrs. George Cornwallis-West, formerly Lady Randolph Churchill.



MISS MARCIA MACLENNAN. Churchill, hence the resemblance between Miss Marcia and Lady Churchill is but natural. It is said that in looks she is almost the counterpart of Lady Randolph Churchill.

SAW MCKINLEY ANGRY.

One Occasion When the Late President Was Righteously Indignant.

One remarkable characteristic of President McKinley was that he very seldom lost his temper. Very few of his friends, even those who were most intimate with him, had seen him in an angry mood, but he had shown his temper in the presence of statesmen once or twice in a way to surprise them. Just before he was nominated for President, McKinley was campaigning in the West. He had a private car, and Mrs. McKinley and her colored maid were with him. At Danville, Ill., he made a speech, and while the train stopped the maid went to find a drug store and secure some medicine for Mrs. McKinley. After the speech the car was attached to the limited train, and amid the wild excitement of the enthusiastic thousands, the train pulled out for Terre Haute for an evening meeting. Soon after the train started the colored maid was missed and McKinley requested the committee to stop the train until she could be found. They assured him that the train could not be stopped, as it was limited on its run, and some one remarked that such a train could not wait anyway for only a colored girl. That remark made McKinley mad. He seized the bell rope and gave it a vigorous jerk, remarking with emphasis that the train would stop and that he would not leave Danville until the girl was found. He did not propose to leave a strange colored girl there in a city filled with excited crowds to possibly meet insult because of her color. She was under his protection and he would not go until she could be found. The train came to a sudden stop and the dignified committee men, now meek in the presence of their indignant leader, turned out to institute a search for the missing colored maid. She was found, the train moved on, but it was some time before McKinley's mood nature could relieve the embarrassment of the committee. They had seen McKinley mad, and it took them a good while to get over the sensation.

SIGNS ON WAGON ROOFS.

Wrinkle That Has Come in With the Building of Flats.

"When flats began to multiply," said a man who lives in one and so, naturally, takes notice of things associated with them, "the owners of delivery wagons and so on began having signs painted on the roofs of their wagons, to catch the eye of those who dwell in homes above the street level. They painted these signs first with the name one letter under the other, like a spine, straight down the middle of the wagon top from end to end. Sometimes they painted the name in the same location, but with the letters arranged in the ordinary way, this making a sign that could be easily read from one side of the street only. Then they took to painting the name on the wagon roof in two places along either side of the top near the edge. Thus painted, one or the other, of course, could be easily read from either side of the street. In wagon roof lettering the latest thing I have seen was on the top of a moving van, whose entire roof was covered with lettering, in lines placed crosswise to the top and beginning at the forward end and running, line under line, clean back to the rear end, so that the van's extensive roof, as you looked down upon it, was lettered like a great poster. And of course this was not done idly, for the van is a vehicle that may stand backed up an hour or two in front of a house and the poster on its roof is then brought where it can be easily read by anybody in the air along that side of the street way.—New York Sun.

An Apology.

The Green Bag, an English legal journal, tells the following story: On one occasion a junior counsel on their lordships giving judgment against his client, exclaimed that he was surprised at their decision. This was construed into a contempt of court and the young barrister was ordered to attend at the bar next morning. Fearful of the consequences, he consulted his friend, John Scott (afterward Lord Eldon), who told him to be perfectly at ease, for he would apologize for him in a way that would avert any unpleasant result. Accordingly, when the name of the delinquent was called, Scott rose and coolly addressed the judges: "I am very sorry, my lords," he said, "that my young friend has so far forgotten himself as to treat your lordships with disrespect; he is extremely penitent, and you will kindly ascribe his unintentional insult to his ignorance. You must see at once that it did originate in that. He said he was surprised at the decision of your lordships. Now, if he had not been ignorant of what takes place in this court every day—had he known you but half so long as I have done—he would not be surprised at anything you did."

Look at the Labels!

Every package of cocoa or chocolate put out by Walter Baker & Co., bears the well-known trade-mark of the chocolate girl, and the place of manufacture, "Dorchester, Mass." Housekeepers are advised to examine their purchases, and make sure that other goods have not been substituted. They received three gold medals from the Pan-American exposition.

A little space in the wrong place may mark the difference between grace and disgrace. For instance, it makes considerable difference whether we speak of a performance as notable or not able.

True domestic happiness is founded upon a rock—the rock of the cradle.

SAYINGS and DOINGS

A BLACK EXPLORER.

Arthur A. Anderson, the well-known colored African explorer, now on a visit to the United States, was born in Georgia shortly after the close of the civil war. About fifteen years ago he emigrated to France, and settling in Paris, devoted himself to a study of the French language, which he soon mastered. He made a good success on the stage in the part of Othello and was summoned to the court of the Sultan of Morocco. The French cardinal is one of the members of the to join its diplomatic corps, and the



ARTHUR A. ANDERSON.

Young Afro-American was sent to the interior of the dark continent, where he was highly successful in extending the sphere of French influence among the tribes near the great Sahara. Mr. Anderson is convinced that Africa is the most promising field in the world for the American negro of resource and ability. He is on a lecturing tour through the principal cities of the United States and expects to return to Europe in the spring. His wife, an Englishwoman of good family, accompanies him.

THE FOOLISH "HAIL SHOOTERS."

Man might as well imitate the habit of the foolish canine and bay at the moon as to attempt to prevent hailstorms by the use of explosives or by any agencies that are now under his control.

This is the substance of the advice embodied in a recent statement issued by Professor Willis L. Moore, acting secretary of agriculture. The statement was called out by manifestations of renewed interest in the subject in various parts of the world, particularly in France and Italy. Attempts have lately been made to prevent hailstorms by the use of explosives from especially designed cannon, but all have ended in failure. Professor Moore calls attention to the fact that scientists in both Europe and America have shown the impossibility of interfering with the great processes of nature that are going on in the atmosphere. Basing their belief on such knowledge of the forces of nature as science has revealed, they affirm that no explosive that can ever be invented by man will be powerful enough to prevent hailstorms.

Alleged Wholesale Poisoning.

A few weeks ago Mary Belle Witwer of Dayton, O., was arrested upon suspicion of poisoning her sister, and is now held pending the police investigation. Since her arrest neighbors and acquaintances of the woman have reported the sudden death of twelve persons who have been associated with her, including three husbands, five persons in whose families she had served as housekeeper, and four children. It is due to Mrs. Witwer, however, to say that she stoutly protests her innocence, and that incriminating evidence has not yet been found, though, if she is innocent, superstitious persons will shun making her acquaintance, which they will regard as dangerous to personal safety.

Scandal Leads to Duel.

All society in Naples is agog over the forthcoming duel between Prince Dolgorouky, father of the Duchess d'Avarna and the favorite niece of the late Czar Alexander II, and Prince Colonna, known as the premier aristocrat of Europe. The duel is consequent upon the announcement of the granting of a separation between the Duke d'Avarna, the Italian minister to Athens, and his wife, and is the culmination of an open scandal which has been a topic of conversation for some time in every court in Europe.

Great as is the excitement over the impending combat, the society, royal and titled, of southern Europe is saddened by the thought that the Duchess d'Avarna will never be able to return to her former prestige, and even the name of her youngest daughter is to be stricken from the register of legitimate births and the child will be baptized in her mother's maiden name.

Seek Escape from Hard Work.

Atlanta Constitution: The history of civilization is but a detailed narrative of the efforts of man to get away from hard work. The derrick is a device to escape from heavy lifting. The steam hammer saves the labor of a thousand men. The reaping machine allows the operative to ride. The sewing machine is a "get-done-quick" arrangement. The railroad train saves walking. War itself is waged that one nation may appropriate the profits of another, in order that living may be easier.

The Weekly Panorama.

AN INFECTED ANTITOXIN.

It is unfortunate that the spread of new methods of fighting disease should be attended by such incidents as are reported from St. Louis. Eleven children, it is said, have died of lockjaw after being inoculated with an antitoxin for diphtheria, and other children are in danger of death from the same cause. Investigation has shown, of course, that there is nothing inherent in the pure antitoxin that could be held responsible for the lamentable results which in this case followed its use. The fault lies not with the antitoxin itself, which has been proved to have great value, but probably with the persons who were so careless, or so unfortunate, as to use serum taken from a horse which shortly afterward died of lockjaw and which was, therefore, infected with the disease when it furnished the serum.

Many parents will now conceive a prejudice against the use of the antitoxin for diphtheria. If the child is to be safeguarded from one disease only to die at once of another, the inoculation cannot be said to be of much value. The proceeding is too much like jumping out of a problematical frying-pan into an indubitable fire. But occasional accidents do not disprove the worth of the remedy. The diphtheria antitoxin will save ten times more lives than it destroys. A reasonable view of the matter will lead to its continued use with greater precautions.

WOLCOTT AND THE CABINET.

A Republican from a western state, who has long been a warm personal friend of President Roosevelt, after spending an hour with him the other day, said to the newspaper correspondents:

"Do you know, I believe that the President meant to be taken literally when he announced to the country, immediately after McKinley's death,



E. O. WOLCOTT.

that he should, in addition to carrying out his politics on public questions, retain each member of the Cabinet."

This is not by any means the view taken by other Republicans, who think they are pretty well posted on what is going on in the President's mind these days, writes the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Inter Ocean. The more general opinion is that, no matter how sincerely President Roosevelt's announcement was made, circumstances will so shape themselves after Congress has been made acquainted with the new President's plans and purposes through his first annual message, that Cabinet changes will be inevitable.

Among the new names most frequently suggested for the Cabinet is ex-Senator Edward O. Wolcott of Colorado.

Failure of the Erie Canal.

The announcement has been made that the Cleveland Steam Canal Boat Company has sold the steam canal boats and their consorts, which for several years past have been making trips between Cleveland and New York city, via Lake Erie and the Erie canal, to a new corporation that has been formed to carry on the lighterage business in the Philippine islands, and the vessels of its fleet are to be cut into sections for the purpose of carrying them in this form to Manila. The reason for this change, given by the general manager of the line, is that it is impossible to compete with the facilities offered by the competing steam railway companies.

Folding Bicycle.

Both the bicycle and automobile are meeting with favor from the army authorities in Europe. For scouting and the conveyance of dispatches the bicycle is without a rival, being a small space and occupying a small space and affording an insignificant target to the rifle fire of the foe.

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PETROLEUM BRIQUETTES.

New Form of Fuel That Looks Like Toilet Soap.

A strange sight was presented in Oakland last week as a train drew in from Stockton. It consisted of a locomotive and ten cars. Piled up in the cars were objects that at first sight appeared designed for the toilet, whereas in fact the freight consisted of a new species of fuel. There were about 250 tons in all of what were termed briquettes, a compound of pulverized coal and refined petroleum, pressed into cake-like forms, which came from the briquette works of the Tesla Coal Company in Stockton. These briquettes were intended for sale and distribution in Oakland, and as other trains arrive their contents will be similarly disposed of in San Francisco. The briquettes aroused as much interest and excited as much astonishment in the community across the bay as they have among the visitors to the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, where they have been mistaken for cakes of soap. The error is excusable, as they closely resemble that article. Unlike crude coal, the briquettes can be handled with kid gloves without soiling.—Pacific Oil Reporter.

Fighting at the Sepulcher.

The Church of the Holy Sepulcher at Jerusalem, surmounting Christ's tomb, was the scene of a sanguinary affray a few days ago between Franciscans and Greeks, during which there were a number of casualties on both sides. The dispute arose on the question as to which community had the right to sweep the church.

Troops had been posted in the vicinity for several days previous to the outbreak, in order to prevent the anticipated collision, but they were suddenly outnumbered and overpowered by the contending parties.

"Isn't this duck a canvas-back?"

"No; what makes you ask?"

"It's plenty tough enough to be canvas."

AN OPEN LETTER

Address to Women by the Treasurer of the W. C. T. U. of Kansas City, Mrs. E. C. Smith.

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